

REMARKS

Claims 1-33, of which claims 1, 14, 20, 24 and 32 are independent, are pending in the present patent application. In the Office Action mailed November 19, 2004, claims 1-6, 10-12, 14-17, 20-26, and 30-33 were rejected. Claims 7-9, 13, 18-19 and 27-29 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include claim 7, and as such, claims 1-6, 8-9, and 12 are allowable. Claim 13 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and thus claim 13 is allowable. Claim 14 has been amended to include claim 18, and as such claims 14-17 and 19 are allowable. Claim 24 has been amended to include claim 27, and as such claims 24-26 and 28-31 are allowable.

Claims 7 and 10-11, 18, 20-23, 27 and 32-33 have been cancelled without prejudice toward further prosecution of the subject matter of these claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. If there are any additional matters that may be resolved through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at (312)-913-0001.

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